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SUBJECT: LOCAL DIPLOMATS BELIEVE LIBYA UNLIKELY TO PUSH HARD FOR SECOND TERM AS AU CHAIR REF: A. ADDIS ABABA 2945 B. LILONGWE 690

CLASSIFIED BY: Gene A. Cretz, Ambassador, US Embassy Tripoli, Department of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

- 1.(S/NF) Rumors persist that Libya is seeking an unprecedented second consecutive term as African Union Chair, driven largely by its continued
- 2.(C) Diplomats from two North African embassies separately told Poloff that they expected Libya's "donations" to continue but that they did not
- 3.(C) The same contact assessed that Libya was continuing its policy of cash donations to African countries in order to retain good relations with
- 4.(C) Comment: Pan-African messages feature heavily in the image al-Qadhafi has created for himself. State media outlets append "President of the